

Dear Sirs,

Technology has moved on. It is no longer a requirement to know how to adjust a spark gap. It is becoming necessary to know about other modes (e.g. digital, SSB, SSTV, ATV, Packet) to be an accomplished amateur operator. WRC-03, many licensing organizations around the world, and even the coast guard do not believe that Morse code is a requirement for operators. Since one of the purposes of amateur radio is to "establish a pool of trained operators" and other modes, and not the ability to send/receive Morse is now more necessary, I submit that the requirement for Element 1 (Morse) should be deleted from being a requirement for an amateur license.

I also believe that you should act on removing Element 1 as expeditiously as possible to allow amateur radio to move forward

Thank you,
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